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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6505

INFO USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BMEP, NATO

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE TRADE
OPPORTUNITIES.

REF: STATE 227013, NOV. 17, 1973

1. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE ICB'S FROM HMG, AND DOES NOT THEREFORE SUBMIT ICB'S IN A GOVERNMENT TRADE OPPORTUNITY FORMAT. UNDER NATO PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT AC/4 (PP) D/1384 (FINAL) THE EMBASSY IS INFORMED OF HMG'S INTENTION TO CALL FOR BIDS WITHIN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IS INVITED TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF CLEARED POTENTIAL BIDDERS TO HMG.
2. ON RECEIPT OF THE LIST, HMG SENDS ICB TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO THE COMPANIES NOMINATED TO RECEIVE THEM, TOGETHER WITH A FORMAL NOTICE OF THE CALL FOR BID.
3. FROM APRIL 1, 1973 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1973 THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TEN NOTICES OF INTENTION, FIVE OF WHICH WERE SENT TO COMMERCE AS SATISFYING OUR CRITERIA IN RESPECT OF EXPORT CONTENT AND POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING PROSPECTIVE U.S. BIDDERS. SO FAR, ONLY ONE PROJECT HAS GONE TO THE STAGE OF PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS WHICH

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WE INITIATED BY FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN

PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2.

4. ONE OTHER OPPORTUNITY WAS SUBMITTED AS A GTO, OWING TO THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE WORK INVOLVED, AVAILABILITY OF PRECISE INFORMATION, AND THE APPOINTMENT BY HMG OF A PROJECT MANAGER PRIOR TO THE CALL FOR BIDS.

5. NOTIFICATIONS OF INTENT RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ARE LISTED BELOW, TOGETHER WITH AN INDICATION OF OUR ACTION TAKEN:

MAY 23 AIRCRAFT WEAPONS CALIBRATION SHELTER

RAF LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK. 204,000 DOLLARS.

TRANSMITTED TO COMMERCE MAY 30 - NO RESPONSE.

JUNE 15 AIRPORT ROADS AND FOUNDATIONS

RAF UPPER HEYFORD, OXON. 100,000 DOLLARS.

TRANSMITTED TO COMMERCE JUNE 18, NO RESPONSE.

JUNE 19 FUEL OIL PIPELINE

SAXA VORD, SHETLAND. 370,000 DOLLARS

TRANSMITTED TO COMMERCE JUNE 21 - NO RESPONSE

JUNE 21 TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER SYSTEM - LISBON GILBRALTAR

TRANSMITTED TO COMMERCE JUNE 22. SEE PARAGRAPH 7.

JUNE 25 AIRCRAFT CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY

RAF ALCONBURY, HUNTS 134,000 DOLLARS.

NO ACTION, EXCESSIVE SUBCONTRACT WORK INDICATED

AUG. 20 DREDGING AND JETTY IMPROVEMENTS

WEST SCOTLAND. 1,950,000 DOLLARS

GTO T0001 AUGUST 20, 1973. SEE PARAGRAPH 6.

SEPT 11 AMMUNITION STORAGE FACILITY

RAF UPPER HEYFORD, OXON. 6.05 MILLION DOLLARS

NO ACTION, DUE TO TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION AND REMOTE

POSSIBILITY OF U.S. VS. U.K. INTEREST

OCT 17 ALTERATIONS TO POL SYSTEM

RAF LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK. 135,000 DOLLARS

NO ACTION, 36 ADDITIONAL HYDRANTS AND 12 DEFUEL

SYSTEMS SPECIFIED TO MATCH EXISTING U.K. ORIGIN

UNITS.

NOV 16 ADDITIONAL PERIMETER FENCE

RAF ALCONBURY, HUNTS. 40,000 DOLLARS

NO ACTION, SMALL PROJECT FOR 1.5 METER WIRE

FENCING.

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6. GTO SUBMITTED AUGUST 20, 1973

A. UNITED KINGDOM

B. LONDON

C. T0001

D. AUGUST 20, 1973

E. DREDGING AND JETTY IMPROVEMENTS

F. PROPERTY SERVICES AGENCY, DEFENCE SECRETARIAT (NAVY)

G. AX 1008/75
H. NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CALL FOR BIDS.
I. AVAILABLE FROM PROJECT MANAGER
N/A
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J. PROJECT START APRIL 1, 1974, RUNNING SIX TO SEVEN
MONTHS. CONTRACT VALUE APPROXIMATELY 1,950,000 DOLLARS.
K. W H MILLS, ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE

7. PROJECT INITIATED BY AIRGRAM SUBMISSION JUNE 22, 1973
A. UNITED KINGDOM
B. LONDON
C. NONE. INITIATED AS FORMAL NOTIFACION OF U.K. MINISTRY
OF DEFENCE CALL FOR BIDS, FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF
INTENTION TO CALL FOR BIDS.
D. SEPTEMBER 7, 1973
E. TROPOSCATTER SYSTEM - LISBON GIBRALTAR
F. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IP2B
36 WHITEHALL
LONDON S.W.1
G. P10721/156/73/PCT1
H. OCTOBER 15, 1973
I. SEPARATE TENDERS ISSUED BY MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE
U.K. AND PORTUGAL.
J. --

K. L C WILLIAMSON, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE

COMMENT: THE INITIAL CONTACT WHICH U.K. DEPARTMENTS
MAKE WITH EMBASSY SOLICITING AS IT WERE PRE-QUALIFIED
BIDDERS IS VERY MUCH A COURTESY AND IS NOT REQUIRED
UNDER CURRENT NATO PROCEDURES. OUR VERY LOW RESPONSE
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AVERAGE TO THESE CONTACTS MAY IN THE FUTURE LEAD THESE
DEPARTMENTS TO TURN TO MORE FORMAL CHANNELS TO ISSUE
INVITATIONS TO TENDER AND THUS CUT DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY
THE LEAD TIME WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC COMMENTS ON WHAT STEPS MIGHT
BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR RESPONSIVNESS IN THIS FIELD.

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